

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 3 September 2013
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman, presiding, JoAnn Robinson and Commissioners Pamela Meister, Patrick Guthrie and Dianne Schaefer.
2. Review of minutes: April minutes were approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Mass Historic Preservation Conference 2013 on October 18, 2013 in Lexington.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie)) – All funds were not dispersed. The Task Force has been formed to spread the word regarding available funds. A loan was given for siding for a Franklin Street property. Old Schwamb Mill will receive funding. \$54,000 was granted and \$200,000 is still available.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister) – Arlington's Own is starting in October.
 - c. Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy) – Plan to add 2nd internal stairway and remove modern doors and replace with historical doors.
 - d. Arlington Historic Districts Commission-Nothing to report.
 - e. Tourism and Economic Development (Robinson) – Historical signs have been approved.
5. Historical Commission FY 2013 Budget – Nothing to report.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02 Stange – Nothing to report. Mr. Stange will call the Building Department about progress.
 - b. 821 Massachusetts Avenue (Noyes RT) 10/03; modified 4/08 Duffy- Nothing to report.
 - c. Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy – No report.
 - d. 6 Park Street (White) 12/09 Meister- Nothing to report..
 - e. 252, 258-260 Massachusetts Avenue (Arlington Affordable Housing) 3/12 Robinson- Occupied.
 - f. 13 Winter Street 8/12 Guthrie- applying for next round of historic funding.
 - g. 85 Beacon Street 10/12 (1-year demolition delay)
 - h. 30 Franklin Street (Lever) 5/13 Guthrie- No report.

It was determined the monitoring was no longer needed for the projects at 78 Jason Street and 82 Claremont Ave. These properties were removed from Projects Proceeding Under Hearings and Approvals.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – No report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – No report.
- c. Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson – No report.
- d. Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson – No report.
- e. Historic House Markers: Duffy – No report.
- f. Town Hall: Duffy – No report.
- g. Web Site: Stange – No report.

8. Discussion and Hearing:

- 8:00pm Hearing regarding 41 Kensington Road. Mr. and Mrs. William Forman.

The owners presented their plans and photos of the existing garages. They are requesting the demolition of the current garages as they have collapsing roofs and buckling walls.

A motion was made to allow for the removal of the two garages from the early 20th century as planned. They do not need to be preferentially preserved.

9. Old Business-

10. New Business- Kensington Park neighborhood has sixteen houses on the Inventory. They are interested in becoming a registered Historic District. As a gesture to the neighbors the Commission could comment to some degree on the proposal. Patrick Guthrie and JoAnn Robinson will draft a letter regarding the nature of this district.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be October 1, 2013.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.